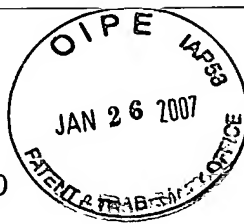


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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of November 2, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1-20 remain active in this application with claims 1-4 and 12-20 being under active consideration.

The claimed invention is directed to an oil or fat composition.

The rejection of claims 1-4 and 12-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Koike et al. (U.S. 6,844,021) is respectfully traversed.

Clear And Conspicuous Statement Concerning Common Ownership

The above-identified application and Koike et al were, at the time the invention of the subject matter of the above-identified application was made, owned by Kao Corporation.

This is a clear and conspicuous statement concerning common ownership. This statement